Remarks

Applicants have canceled claims 18-22 in response to the Restriction Requirement. Applicants respectfully request consideration of claims 1-17.

A Petition for an Extension of Time to File a Response is included, along with the requisite fee.

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